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BUFFALO SCHOOL BUS DRIVER ARRESTED ON CHILD PORN CHARGES

Man Used Internet to Get Child Pornography From Russia

BUFFALO, N.Y.—Special agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) today arrested a Buffalo school bus driver for possession of child pornography. Terryl James Noyes was arrested at his home early this morning and charged with possession of child pornography obtained over the Internet from Russia.

Noyes had his initial appearance in U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York this morning and was released on his own recognizance. Federal Magistrate Hugh Scott ordered Noyes to inform the management at Fisher Bus Company of his arrest on child pornography charges. In court today the U. S. Attorney's office also told the magistrate that Noyes had previously worked as a school bus driver for the Laidlaw Bus Company.

During the ICE investigation a computer forensics expert retrieved images of child pornography from the suspect's computer. The investigation also showed that images of child pornography on the suspect's computer were obtained over the Internet from Russia and from other locations in the United States. According to the criminal complaint, Noyes admitted to ICE agents that he downloaded images of children believed to be ten to 12 years old engaged in sexually explicit conduct from a website offering child pornography.

The investigation also determined that Noyes would often trade child pornography images with other individuals and received images from other traders. He told agents that it was necessary to send images to others because people would not send him child pornography unless he participated and sent images to them.

Peter J. Smith, special agent in charge for ICE's Office of Investigations in Buffalo, said, "What is frightening about this case is the fact that Noyes had regular contact with school children on his bus. Cases like this are an example of how the hidden world of child pornography is a constant danger to the youngest and most vulnerable members of our society."

Smith pointed out that this case is a perfect example of why ICE places such a priority on Operation Predator, a nationwide initiative to protect children from criminal alien sex offenders, child sex tourists, Internet child pornographers and human traffickers.

The investigation of Noyes grew out of an earlier investigation into a Belarus-based company that provided billing services for child pornography websites and operated child pornography sites of its own.

Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 7,000 individuals nationwide, including more than 460 in New York.

ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by skilled law enforcement specialists.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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